

I Will Come Again (John 14: 1-6)

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I Will Come Again John 14: 1-6

In 1914 British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton led an expedition to sail to Antarctica, attempting to reach the South Pole. All went according to plan until ice trapped the ship and eventually crushed its hull. Shackleton and his crew dragged and floated their life boats through the ice and sea to the bleak and barren rock of an island called Elephant Island. From there Shackleton and a handful of other men left the majority of the crew and set out across 800 miles of perilous seas to South Georgia Island in hopes of finding help. Captain Shackleton left them only with

I. We do Realize the Heartache of His Departure

(Vs1a) This small band of believers were troubled by Jesus words in John 13:33,36. Jesus was going away. We stand with them on the other side of Christ's departure with no less heartache | Peter 1:8

A. The Unrest that was Seen - I have always pictured this scene as a sorrowful, tearful scene. But "troubled" = agitated, restless, like a raging sea. Jesus had just told them of a betrayer in their midst, pointed out that one would deny. What else could go wrong? We are so often like they. Waves of worry, crashing, cares can leave rocking & reeling. Canest thou not? Cause us to look to heaven! Even so come Lord Jesus

B. The Unbelief that was Sensed (Vs 1b) In the next phrase, Jesus seems to be trying to stir up their belief in Him. Remember now despite the fact Jesus taught them over and over concerning his death & resurrection, his disciples had their eyes set on an earthly kingdom, political powerhouse. But now more & more this hope was evaporating causing doubt & unbelief to creep in. As the world worsens and 5:00 news rings with

C. The Uncertainty that was Stated (Vs 5, 8) I can see the disciples standing there with looks of astonishment and confusion of faces. A traitor, a denier, your leaving. What will happen next. Am I going the right way? Do we not live in a world of doubt & confusion as he coming at all. I listened to the arguments of Christopher Hitchens, Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris. Have I gone the wrong way? Don't be afraid, the

II. We must Rely on the Hope of His Declaration in the midst of our doubts, confusion and anxious worry, we find hope of Christ's promise "I will come again" Titus 2:13 calls it the Blessed hope. Not a maybe so hope so, but a rock solid assurance.

A. The Promise of the Master - Note The only as God as ever made Promise of His Purity - Vs 1b. Believe in God believe in me! Vs 7 + 9b. He is God. It's like clear. These words are not from a great teacher, philosopher, political leader or social reformer. These are from the great I AM! Promise of His Departure -

1) ...only with a vow, the promise of a captain to his men to return and save them. Well the Captain of our salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ has left us his vow in the text before us tonight: I will come again! Of these words Dr. James Crumpton said: The philosophers can mess around in their mus and advance what theories they will, we still have the promise "I will come again." Scientists can analyze it and pour it into all the test tubes they want to, we still have the promise "I will come again." Students of language can say anything they want to about the etymology of these four little words, but praise God their still there: "I will come again." The infidels and the infa-hells and liberals can make all the fun they want to and deny as long as they want to that Jesus is coming, but praise God, we still have the promise "I will come again." Contained in this text before us tonight are four Bible truths that every believer in Jesus Christ must daily cling to as we labor for the Lord in these last days!

2) 1 Peter 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love... I've never seen Jesus, 6ft or 600ft. Yet I love him and my heartache for him is no less than the heartache of these disciples.

3) ...rings with terrorism on the rise, turmoil in the middle east, financial collapse, dark alliances threaten peace and stability, war at our back door... Could it cause doubts? Will he come at all. I remember as a child of the 70's and 80's great men preaching on the imminent return of Christ. Hear less and less.

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to word know the most. Because? is not difficult to know the

"play"

1) ...I'm making a place for you! This is not the end of the journey, it's only the beginning! **The Promise of His Deliverance** - "I will come again" If you see me leaving now, know of assureity "I will ~~see say H, Spirit or~~ come again." **Acts 1:11** *Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.* The same way he left is the same way he's coming back! **1 Thess 4:16-17** *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we...We have his promise!* **2 Cor 1:20** *For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen...*

2) ...on the cross satisfied the just demands of a Holy God upon sinful man. Thereby making a path, a way into the presence of God. **1 John 5:11-12** *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. Do you know Him personally?*

3) ...Here is Christ's betrothal promise to his Bride the Church, the betrothal was sealed by his blood on the cross and one day he will retrieve his bride!

4) ...No our faith shall end in sight. Old song ending "This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise, To seize the everlasting prize; And shout, while passing through the air, "Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

(Vs3A) The master is not leaving them for his own benefit, but for theirs. Jesus not saying "Things are pretty hot, gonna slip out of town. No chmaking" (1)

B. The Path of the Messiah - (Vs1b) "He may ye know." What Jesus is saying is "the way from this place to that place you already know." I see Thomas rummaging thru the filing cabinet of his mind. Did he give me directions? Is it turn past Galilee, down by Bethel take the next shop light a Geth. Park! No. Jesus responds in Vs6 W) one of the greatest in Bible. Thomas the way to go from here to there is by me. Christ's death on the cross

C. The Picture of the Marriage - (Vs2c) The divine program of God concerning Christ's departure to prepare a dwelling place for disciples is pictures in the way of marriage in those days. A man + woman would be betrothed a during this betrothal period of one year, the bride groom would leave to prepare a dwelling place for bride. Upon completion, unknown hours the bridegroom would return, celebration begin. Here is betrothal (3)

III We can Rejoice in the Heavens for His Disciple (3)
He gone to prepare a place of final abode. A place as seen in Marriage Song "happily ever after" for all eternity. No more troubled hearts, No more loving at a distance (9)

A. The Reception from an Eternal Lord (3L)
When he comes again He will receive us. AT Robertson - "I shall take you along to my home" How wonderful to be received by him. It was

always so, to be welcomed into presence. In the tabernacle hung the thick dark veil that stood between sinful man and the presence of a Holy God. You stay out. But thru the sacrifice of Christ this veil was rent in 2, now the gates a flung open wide for all who will repent and believe. There is access and welcome by Christ. What a Day to be received by my Lord!

B. The Reality of an Everlasting Life (3d-e)

1 Thess 4: 17 end w/ "So shall we ever be with the Lord" Ever Ever Ever be w/ the Lord. Never to be apart from the Lord Jesus. Ever tries to contemplate eternity. Ecc tells us that eternity is set in our hearts, but eternity hard to fathom. Cartoons as a child, calendar months speed by. When God hung the stars you were not, when God created the worlds you were not. But when those stars fall from the heavens and the earth consum ed with fervent heat, then will be the question is where

IV. We must Reveal the Horror of His Day

Pretty good up till now. From what we understand prophetically from the whole council of scripture, upon the appearance of Jesus and the rapture of the church, the Judgment of God known as the great tribule aher, day of Jacobs trouble will be unleashed on this earth Read Rev. 16 seal Judgments trump Ville when will cry out for rocks to fall upon them. I was reading the Book of Mark 16

- 1)To be received into my eternal abode. To meet the Lord in the air! To hear his welcome, to see his nail pierced hands, to peer deeply into the eyes of the precious Lamb of God. No more peering through a glass darkly, but face to face with by beloved Saviour! Not to meet his condemnation and judgment, but to *in his Bodily Presence*.
~~see his mercy and grace extended first hand!~~
- 2) ...question is, where will you be! I will be with Him. I'll be in that haven created for the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. I remember the little poem that Jack Hyles would say many times when he would talk of heaven. "For me, for me, for me, there's a mansion there for me, if any body's gonna be happy in heaven it's gonna be me, me, me, me, me! No more fear, not more heartache, no more sin, no more sickness, no more pain! Glory to God! Jesus is coming again!
- 3) ...to my children devotionally. We cam to CH ¹³ where Jesus began to prophecy of coming tribulation, wars famine murder sun darkened, stars falling all God's wrath will be poured out upon the earth. Evan gulped in amazement. He hears so little on this subject. Listen get right with God today! The Coming of Christ is at hand. Repent. Captain Shackleton did return to save his men as he promised. He carefully and quickly slipped past the ice and retrieved them from that desolate island. Contemplating their narrow escape, the Shackleton said to his men, "It was fortunate you were all packed and ready to go!" They replied, "We never gave up hope. Whenever the sea was clear of ice, we rolled up our sleeping bags and reminded each other, 'He may come today.'"